

REMARKS

The title, specification and abstract have been amended to make editorial changes therein, bearing in mind the criticisms in the Official Action, to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The indication that claims 4-7 have been allowed and that claims 2-3 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2, the dependency of claim 3 has been amended, and claim 2 has been canceled, all to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claim 1 was rejected as anticipated by KAWAMOTO et al. 5,536,956. Claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter indicated to be allowable and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

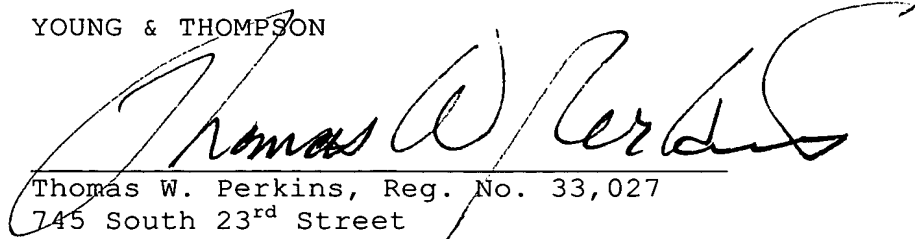
In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following items:

- a new Abstract of the Disclosure
- a Replacement Sheet for Figure 2 of the drawings